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For: NOVEL SERINE PROTEASE ) Confirmation No. 6685  
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**AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 25, 2003,  
petition and payment for a two month extension of time being  
attached to the RCE filed on even date herewith, please do not  
enter the unentered amendment of October 21, 2003, and instead  
please amend as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.